



# Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Newsletter

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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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## **EOPSS Funding Opportunities**

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### **FFY2009 VAWA STOP Recovery Act Availability of Grant Funds for Local Law Enforcement**

#### **Application Deadline: February 23, 2010**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security announces the availability of funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). Funds will be awarded through a competitive process to local law enforcement agencies to help create positions and/or re-hire personnel to address violent crimes against women, specifically domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and/or dating violence. This is a one-time grant that will provide funding for up to 12 months.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eops](http://www.mass.gov/eops) (click on Justice and Prevention, Grant Programs, Violence Against Women Act STOP Grant Program).

### **FFY 2010 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)**

#### **Application Deadline: March 5, 2010**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Homeland Security Division announces the availability of funds through the FFY 2010 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP). The PSGP provides grant funding to port areas for the protection of critical port infrastructure from terrorism. Eligible entities within the U.S. Coast Guard-defined Port of Boston are encouraged to submit proposals.

For more information: [http://www.mass.gov/Eeops/docs/programs/hs/request\\_for\\_ffy2010\\_psgp\\_ij.doc](http://www.mass.gov/Eeops/docs/programs/hs/request_for_ffy2010_psgp_ij.doc) or contact [Jeff.Timperi@state.ma.us](mailto:Jeff.Timperi@state.ma.us).

### **FFY 2010 Urban Areas Security Initiative Non-Profit Security Grant Program (UASI-NSGP)**

#### **Application Deadline: March 12, 2010**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Homeland Security Division announces the availability of funds through the FFY 2009 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP). Funds are intended to support “target hardening activities” to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of international terrorist attack. Allowable costs under this program are limited to equipment and training. Eligibility is limited to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack and are located within the Metro Boston UASI region.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eops](http://www.mass.gov/eops) (click on Funding & Training Opportunities, Homeland Security, Grant Programs, Grant Specific Documents) or contact [Brook.Chipman@state.ma.us](mailto:Brook.Chipman@state.ma.us).

### **FFY 2010 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) Grant Program**

#### **Application Deadline: March 19, 2010**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Homeland Security Division, announces the availability of funds through the FFY 2010 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) Grant Program. Funds are intended to “increase coordination and collaboration among Federal, State, local and tribal law enforcement agencies in responding to or recovering from terrorist attacks.” Allowable costs under this program include equipment, vehicle rental and/or maintenance, and operational overtime for law enforcement agencies. Eligibility is limited to municipal, county, and federally-recognized Tribal law enforcement entities with an international water border. Applicants must demonstrate that they have a current working relationship with U.S. DHS Customs Border Patrol (CBP). Entities without a current working relationship with CBP should not submit applications.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eops](http://www.mass.gov/eops) (click on Funding & Training Opportunities, Homeland Security, Grant Programs, Grant Specific Documents) or contact [Jeff.Timperi@state.ma.us](mailto:Jeff.Timperi@state.ma.us).

### **2009-2010 Traffic Enforcement and Equipment Grant**

#### **Application Deadline: Open, rolling-enrollment**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Highway Safety Division, announces the availability of approximately \$2,650,000 in federal grant funding in Federal Fiscal Year 2010 for municipal, college and university law enforcement agencies for high visibility enforcement during mobilizations and for the purchase of traffic enforcement-related equipment and materials.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/highwaysafety](http://www.mass.gov/highwaysafety) (click on links for the 2009-2010 Traffic Enforcement and Equipment Grant).

## **Other Funding Opportunities**

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

### **OVW Fiscal Year 2010 Education, Training and Enhanced Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women with Disabilities**

#### **Application Deadline: February 22, 2010**

The Office on Violence Against Women seeks applications for the Education, Training and Enhanced Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women with Disabilities Grant Program. The Disability Grant Program will support education, training, cross training, capacity building, and the establishment of multi-disciplinary collaborative teams at the State, local and Tribal level to address violence against and abuse of women with disabilities. The goal of the Disability Grant Program is to create sustainable, systemic change that will result in effective services for individuals with disabilities who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking and hold perpetrators of such crimes accountable.

For more information: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/disability-solicitation.pdf>.

### **Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity for Juvenile Treatment Drug Courts**

#### **Application Deadline: February 23, 2010**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), is accepting applications for the FY2010 Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Juvenile Treatment Drug Courts. The purpose of this program is to expand and/or enhance substance abuse treatment services in “problem solving” courts which use the juvenile drug court model in order to provide alcohol and drug treatment, recovery support services for substance abuse treatment, screening, assessment, case management, and program coordination to juvenile defendants/offenders. Eligibility is limited to existing individual Juvenile Treatment Drug Courts or their Tribal/State or local governmental proxies.

For more information: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2010/TI-10-004.aspx>.

### **2010 Survey of Campus Law Enforcement Agencies**

#### **Application Deadline: March 1, 2010**

The Bureau of Justice Statistics seeks proposals for assistance in reviewing a preliminary design and for a data collection agent to field the 2010 BJS Survey of Campus Law Enforcement Agencies. The goal of this program is to generate accurate and reliable national statistics about the police and security agencies serving college and university campuses in the U.S. The survey will be conducted during calendar year 2010 and will collect information on the personnel, functions, budgets, policies, and programs of campus police and security agencies covering the 2009-2010 school year.

For more information: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/sclea10sol.pdf>.

### **Research and Development on Pattern and Impression Evidence**

#### **Application Deadline: March 2, 2010**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for research and development to enhance crime laboratories' ability to identify, characterize, capture, visualize, analyze and preserve impression evidence and pattern evidence. Pattern and/or impression evidence may include, but is not limited to, firearm and tool marks, footwear impressions, tire tread impressions, bite marks, blood spatter, friction ridges, fracture match, and questioned documents. This solicitation focuses on tools and methods that will allow faster, more widely applicable, more rugged, less costly, or less labor-intensive identification, collection, preservation, and analysis of impression and pattern evidence at the crime scene or in the forensic laboratory; studies in fluid transfer and fluid dynamics to analyze bloodstain patterns to assist in the reconstruction of a crime; studies to examine the mechanical properties of materials (fracture mechanics) in physical match analysis of evidence; and research on the effect of environmental factors on impression and/or pattern evidence.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000927.pdf>.

### **Research and Development on Instrumental Analysis for Forensic Science Applications**

#### **Application Deadline: March 2, 2010**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for research and development to enhance instrumental methods of analysis employed within forensic science disciplines. The goal of this program is to improve the quantitative and qualitative analyses of evidence and to enhance the ability of the forensic science community to identify, analyze, and interpret evidence.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000926.pdf>.

### **Research and Development on Forensic Crime Scene and Medicolegal Death Investigations**

#### **Application Deadline: March 2, 2010**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for research and development to enhance forensic crime scene examinations and forensic medicolegal death investigations. Proposed projects may focus on, but are not limited to, the following forensic disciplines: crime scene examination; medicolegal death investigations; forensic pathology; forensic anthropology; forensic odontology; and fire scene analysis.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000925.pdf>.

### **Wrongful Conviction Review Program**

#### **Application Deadline: March 4, 2010**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications to provide high quality and efficient representation for potentially wrongfully convicted defendants in post-conviction claims of innocence. The goals of this initiative are to: 1) provide quality representation to those who may have been wrongfully convicted; 2) alleviate burdens placed on the criminal justice system through costly and prolonged post-conviction litigation; and 3) identify, whenever possible, the actual perpetrator of the crime.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10WrongfulConvictionSol.pdf>.

**OVW Fiscal Year 2010 Sexual Assault Services Culturally Specific Grant Program**

**Application Deadline: March 4, 2010**

The Office on Violence Against Women seeks applications from organizations that focus primarily on culturally specific communities and have experience in the area of sexual assault or who partner with an organization having such expertise. The goal of the SASP Culturally Specific Grant Program is to create, maintain, and expand sustainable sexual assault services provided by culturally specific organizations, which are uniquely situated to respond to the needs of sexual assault victims within these specific populations.

For more information: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/sasp-cultural.pdf>.

**OVW Fiscal Year 2010 Grants to Enhance Culturally and Linguistically Specific Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Program**

**Application Deadline: March 4, 2010**

The Office on Violence Against Women seeks applications to maintain and replicate existing programs providing successful services to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking victims. This program also supports the development of innovative culturally and linguistically specific strategies and projects to enhance access to services for victims who face obstacles to using more currently available and traditional services and resources. The goal of this program is to create a unique opportunity for targeted community-based organizations to address the critical needs of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking victims in a manner that affirms a victim's culture and effectively addresses language and communication barriers

For more information: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/fy10-culturally-linguistically.pdf>.

**OVW Fiscal Year 2010 Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program**

**Application Deadline: March 9, 2010**

The Office on Violence Against Women seeks applications for programs that provide assistance to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking who are in need of transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and related support services. This program focuses on a holistic, victim-centered approach to providing transitional housing services that move individuals into permanent housing.

For more information: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/fy10-final-transitional-housing.pdf>.

**OVW Fiscal Year 2010 Enhanced Training and Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women Later in Life Program**

**Application Deadline: March 10, 2010**

The Office of Violence Against Women seeks applications for projects that will support a comprehensive approach to addressing elder abuse in their communities. These projects will provide training to criminal justice professionals, governmental agency staff and victim assistants to enhance their ability to address elder abuse, neglect and exploitation in their communities; provide cross training opportunities to professionals working with older victims; develop or enhance a community coordinated response to elder abuse; and provide or enhance services for victims who are 50 years of age or older.

For more information: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/fy10-abuse-later-life.pdf>.



**OVW Fiscal Year 2010 Grants to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking on Campus Program**

**Application Deadline: March 10, 2010**

The Office on Violence Against Women seeks applications for activities that develop and strengthen victim services and/or strengthen security and investigative strategies to prevent and prosecute cases involving sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking on campuses. The Campus Program supports a coordinated community approach that enhances victim safety and assistance, and supports efforts to hold offenders accountable. Campus responses must be linked to local criminal justice agencies and service providers, including local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices, courts, and nonprofit, nongovernmental victim advocacy and victim services agencies.

For more information: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/final-campus.pdf>.

**Capital Case Litigation Initiative (CCLI)**

**Application Deadline: March 11, 2010**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications to provide capital litigation training to improve the quality of representation and reliability of verdicts in state capital cases. The purpose of CCLI is to provide training on death penalty issues to prosecutors representing the public, and defense attorneys representing indigents, in state capital cases. The goals of this initiative are to: 1) increase the number of capital litigation attorneys trained in capital case procedures and strategies; and 2) improve the quality of legal representation provided to indigent defendants in state capital cases through a state-based training program that serves to improve an "effective system" (as defined in 42 U.S.C.

§14163(e)).

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10CCLIsol.pdf>.

**Communications Technology Center of Excellence**

**Application Deadline: March 12, 2010**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding to operate the Communications Technology Center of Excellence within the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center System. Within the areas of communications-related and position-location technologies, the Center provides scientific and technical support to NIJ's research and development efforts; supports the demonstration, transfer, and adoption of appropriate technology into practice by criminal justice agencies; assists in the development and dissemination of technology guidelines and standards; and provides technology assistance, information, and support to criminal justice agencies. The primary role of the Centers of Excellence is to assist in the transition of law enforcement technology from the laboratory into practice by first adopters within the criminal justice community.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000897.pdf>.

**Corrections Technology Center of Excellence**

**Application Deadline: March 12, 2010**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding to operate a Corrections Technology Center of Excellence within the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center System. The work that this new center will perform is currently being performed by the Weapons and Protective Systems Technology Center of Excellence. The technology areas of focus of the proposed Corrections Technology Center of Excellence are institutional and community corrections. The primary role of the Centers of Excellence is to assist in the transition of law enforcement technology from the laboratory into practice by first adopters within the criminal justice community.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000891.pdf>.

### **Officer and Vehicle Safety for Law Enforcement Applications**

#### **Application Deadline: March 12, 2010**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding related to research enhancing the safety of law enforcement officers and other criminal justice practitioners. Specific areas of interest include: study of the effectiveness of alternative lighting and paint schemes on patrol vehicles; study of the safety of mounted equipment inside a patrol vehicle during a vehicle accident; methods to carry personal equipment currently being used by officers; and assessment of exposure to hazardous materials in the line of duty.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000919.pdf>.

### **Sensor and Surveillance Technologies for Criminal Justice Applications**

#### **Application Deadline: March 15, 2010**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding for research and development of sensor and surveillance technologies to address specific operational needs of State and local criminal justice agencies. Those needs include the detection of the “broad spectrum” of contraband, including metallic and nonmetallic weapons, at any controlled access point; noninvasive, continuous monitoring of a subject’s use of both illegal and prescription substances; detection of trace blood at crime scenes from a distance of 5 feet or greater; accurate detection of gunshot residue in the field in real time; and the ability to extract full streams of digital multimedia evidence from incompatible systems, while maintaining the integrity of the metadata.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000930.pdf>.

### **FY 2010 Second Chance Act: Mentoring Grants to Nonprofit Organizations**

#### **Application Deadline: March 18, 2010**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks applications for mentoring grants to nonprofit organizations under the Second Chance Act. The Second Chance Act grant programs are designed to help communities develop and implement comprehensive and collaborative strategies that address the challenges posed by offender reentry and recidivism reduction. Each proposal must include the following program components: mentoring offenders during incarceration, through transition back to the community, and post-release; transitional services to assist in the reintegration of offenders into the community; and training regarding offender and victims issues.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10SecondChanceMentoringSol.pdf>.

### **State, Local, and Tribal Terrorism Prevention Training and Technical Assistance National Initiative Program**

#### **Application Deadline: March 18, 2010**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding to provide training, including anti-terrorism training, and technical assistance through funding from the Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub. L. No. 111-117). All training and technical assistance conducted under this initiative must emphasize that constitutional rights, civil liberties, civil rights and privacy interests are protected throughout the intelligence process.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10TerrorismPreventionSol.pdf>.



**SMART FY 2010 Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender Management Training and Technical Assistance Program**

**Application Deadline: March 18, 2010**

The Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking seeks applications for the development and implementation of training and technical assistance under the Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender Management Program. The successful applicant will plan and deliver training and technical assistance to ten to twelve award recipients under the CASOM Grant Program. Up to three of the grantee sites will be tribal jurisdictions working to implement a sex offender management program that replicates the Comprehensive Approach model to sex offender management. The remaining grantees will be state or local jurisdictions working to enhance their existing sex offender management programs in order to meet an identified need or gap or to implement a best practice. The successful applicant will be required to measure the effect of the technical assistance as it relates to improving grantee capacity and ability to manage sex offenders in the community.

For more information: [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/smart/funding/10\\_casomtta.pdf](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/smart/funding/10_casomtta.pdf).

**Geospatial Technology**

**Application Deadline: March 18, 2010**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding to conduct research, development, testing, and evaluation supporting the advancement of geospatial technologies to aid criminal justice agencies in their missions. This includes application of new technologies to criminal justice purposes that were not developed specifically for criminal justice use. NIJ seeks applications for funding that addresses the geospatial technology needs in one of the following ways: testing existing technologies; evaluating the efficacy of existing technologies; conducting research leading to development of improved technologies; or developing improved technologies.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000911.pdf>.

**Pursuit Management Technologies**

**Application Deadline: March 19, 2010**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding to develop solutions that can resolve police motor vehicle pursuits, while at the same time minimizing the potential for injury or damage to property. Successful solutions must be practicable for multiple different types of vehicles, in heavy traffic, and in areas with high pedestrian traffic. For purposes of this solicitation, a safe resolution has three aspects: the safety of the public, the safety of the pursuing officer(s), and the safety of the individual or individual(s) in the vehicle being pursued.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000923.pdf>.

**Crime and Justice Research and Evaluation: Investigator-Initiated**

**Application Deadline: March 29, 2010**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding of social and behavioral research on, and evaluations related to, crime and justice topics relevant to State and/or local criminal and juvenile justice policy and practice. The goal of this solicitation is to encourage investigator-initiated proposals that focus on crime and justice topics relevant to criminal justice policy and practice in the United States. These proposals may apply to social and behavioral research and/or evaluations that focus on program impact and/or causal effects of programs.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000899.pdf>.

### **Forensic DNA Research and Development**

#### **Application Deadline: April 2, 2010**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding for research and development that can enhance the forensic uses of DNA technology in criminal justice settings. The goal of this program is to harness the tremendous growth in the broader scientific fields, such as molecular biology, genetics, and biotechnology, and direct it toward the development of highly discriminating, reliable, cost-effective, and rapid methods for the analysis of biological evidence that has the potential for DNA analysis for forensic application.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000905.pdf>.

### **OJJDP FY 2010 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force National Training Program**

#### **Application Deadline: April 8, 2010**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks to identify training providers to serve the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program. The state and regional ICAC task forces work collaboratively as a national network of law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies that prevent, interdict, and investigate technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and Internet crimes against children. The purpose of the ICAC Training Program is to provide training to ICAC Task Forces and affiliated federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies in the areas of investigation, forensics, prosecution, community outreach, and capacity-building, using recognized experts to assist in the development and delivery of training programs.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/ICACTraining.pdf>.

## **Research and Publications**

### **Federal Firearms Cases, FY2008**

Using data from the Federal Justice Statistics Resource Center database, this BJS-sponsored report summarizes Federal firearms cases filed and closed in fiscal year 2008. Data are presented on prosecution outcomes, types of sentences, and average length of sentences in fiscal year 2008 federal firearms cases.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/bjs/grants/229420.pdf>.

### **Sexual Victimization in Juvenile Facilities Reported by Youth, 2008-09**

This Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) report presents findings from the first National Survey of Youth in Custody (NSYC). Between June 2008 and April 2009, BJS completed the NSYC in nearly 200 juvenile confinement facilities, for a total sample of over 9,000 youth. This report includes an overview of: national and facility-based estimates of sexual victimization by type of activity; characteristics of at-risk youth; where these incidents occur; perpetrators characteristics; and injuries sustained by victims.

Access full text at: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/svjfry09.pdf>.

## Conferences and Trainings

### **From the Community to the Courts: A Comprehensive Strategy to Address Underage Alcohol Problems in Long Beach, New York**

**February 17, 2010, Online Audio Teleconference**

Produced by the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation and the American Probation and Parole Association (in cooperation with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention), this audio-teleconference will focus on the development of the community response model in preventing underage drinking. The program will discuss how a coalition of stakeholders, including the medical and legal communities, worked together to address underage drinking issues in New York.

For more information: [http://www.udetc.org/audioconf\\_judicialregistration.asp](http://www.udetc.org/audioconf_judicialregistration.asp).

### **American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) 62nd Annual Scientific Meeting**

**February 22-27, 2010 in Seattle, WA**

Sponsored by the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, this annual meeting brings together a wide range of forensic specialists to present current information, research, and updates to the field. The conference will feature scientific papers, breakfast seminars, workshops, and other special events. Topics will include gunshot residues, toxicology, determining manner of death, reconstruction of death scenes, forensic multimedia analysis, advances in forensic DNA analysis, and investigation of deaths in custody.

For more information: [http://www.aafs.org/default.asp?section\\_id=meetings&page\\_id=aafs\\_annual\\_meeting](http://www.aafs.org/default.asp?section_id=meetings&page_id=aafs_annual_meeting).

### **National Fusion Center Conference**

**February 23-25, 2010 in New Orleans, LA**

Sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Department of Justice's Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and Office of the Program Manager, this conference will provide training, technical assistance, and other support on issues directly affecting fusion centers. The conference will offer both plenary and breakout sessions and will feature topics such as funding and sustainment, developing an intelligence capability, security and privacy issues, protecting sensitive case material, fusion center resources, and integration efforts.

For more information: <http://www.iir.com/registration/fusioncenter/default.html>.

### **Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 2010 Annual Meeting: "Beyond Our Boundaries: The Inclusivity of Criminal Justice Sciences"**

**February 23-27, 2010 in San Diego, CA**

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences' Annual Meeting provides a forum for approximately 2,000 educators, researchers, practitioners, and students to discuss emerging issues in research, policy, education, and practice within the field of criminal justice.

For more information: [http://www.acjs.org/pubs/167\\_668\\_2915.cfm](http://www.acjs.org/pubs/167_668_2915.cfm).

### **Civilian Police Advocate Conference**

**February 25-26, in Worcester, MA**

Sponsored by The Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security; this conference will provide civilian police advocates and supervisors with the most up to date tools in an effort to institute best practices across the Commonwealth when responding to victims. Topics include, but are not limited to: dynamics of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking; risk assessment and strangulation; victim and advocate safety; and working with at risk populations. While this is a mandatory training for all VAWA STOP funded Civilian Advocates, it is open to other departments. It is also required that the police captain/lieutenant/officer etc. who works most closely with the advocate attend one day of the training. Please note that space is limited.

For more information contact Candice McKenna at [candice.mckenna@state.ma.us](mailto:candice.mckenna@state.ma.us)

### **National Victim Assistance Academy (NVAA)**

**February 28-March 05, 2010 in Portland, OR**

Sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime, the NVAA offers education and skill-based classroom trainings for professionals who assist victims and survivors of crime around the nation. The academy consists of three tracks: foundation-level training; the professional skill-building institute; and the leadership institute.

For more information: <https://www.ovcttac.gov/nvaa/>.

### **Massachusetts White Ribbon Day Proclamation Event 2010**

**March 2, 2010**

This third annual White Ribbon Day campaign invites men and boys to be part of the solution in ending violence against women and to help change the social norms that perpetuate violence against women. The event will take place in the Gardner Auditorium in the Massachusetts State House.

For more information: [www.janedoe.org/whiteribbonday](http://www.janedoe.org/whiteribbonday).

### **ICCA 2010 Public Policy Forum**

**March 23-24 in Washington, DC**

This event, sponsored by the International Community Corrections Association, will feature a day-long seminar on Tuesday and meet-and-greet with legislators and staff on Wednesday to discuss community corrections issues. Topics to be discussed on Tuesday will include: enhancing community corrections, reforming criminal justice and juvenile justice, budgets, appropriations and grants, and sentencing reform and strengthening families.

For more information: <http://www.iccaweb.org/conferences.html> or contact Jane Browning at [jbrowning@iccaweb.org](mailto:jbrowning@iccaweb.org).

### **Grant Writing Workshop**

**March 25-26 in Boston, MA**

The City of Boston and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grant writing workshop that will cover how to write grant proposals and how to locate and track relevant grant opportunities. Beginning and experienced grant writers from city, county and state agencies are encouraged to attend. Tuition is \$425 and includes class workbook and accompanying resource CD that's packed full of tools and more than 200 sample grant proposals. Seating is limited, online reservations are necessary.

For more information: <http://grantwritingusa.com/events/write/boma0310.html>.

### **Blueprints Conference 2010**

**April 7-9, 2010 in San Antonio, TX**

Hosted by the Blueprints for Violence Prevention Initiative at the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at the University of Colorado, Boulder, this conference provides continuing education and networking opportunities for effective and promising evidence-based prevention and intervention programs for juveniles and their families. The ultimate goal of this conference is to set a foundation for future collaboration among evidence-based programs. Participants will include: community prevention advocates; department heads of agencies responsible for violence and drug prevention efforts; state and local government leaders responsible for prevention funding and initiatives; leaders of the criminal justice systems, and program implementers.

For more information: <http://www.blueprintsconference.com/>.

## **News**

The following are excerpts from newspaper articles regarding public safety topics.

### **Patrick Aims to Take Over Probation Department**

***The Boston Globe*, January 24, 2010**

Governor Deval Patrick will seek to wrest control of one of the fastest-growing but most secretive state agencies, taking direct charge of the probation officers who supervise criminals when they serve their sentences outside a prison cell, reports *The Boston Globe*. The Governor's proposal would largely remove the Probation Department from the court system. Patrick believes the state can save at least \$40 million by consolidating prisons, probation, and the parole board under one office in the executive branch.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/01/24/patrick\\_aims\\_to\\_take\\_over\\_probation\\_department/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/01/24/patrick_aims_to_take_over_probation_department/).

### **House Votes Protections for Victims of Stalkers**

***The Boston Herald*, January 29, 2010**

According to *The Boston Herald*, lawmakers unanimously passed a measure allowing victims to get restraining orders against dangerous offenders. The bill would put Massachusetts alongside 38 other states by clearing the way for stalking victims to get protective orders against their tormentors. Current law allows restraining orders only in cases involving family members, roommates or lovers. The bill needs final legislative approval and must be signed by Gov. Deval Patrick. The law will also help sexual assault victims get stay-away orders from their attackers.

Access full text: <http://bostonherald.com/news/politics/view.bg?articleid=1229030>.

### **Rising Economic Stress Cited in Domestic Violence Increase**

***The Boston Globe*, February 3, 2010**

Since Jan. 9, at least five women have been killed in domestic violence, reports *The Boston Globe*. The violence has alarmed authorities and advocates for women, who point out that women's groups are reporting dramatic increases in domestic abuse in Massachusetts and across the country. Women's advocates said they believe that despite the varying circumstances, at least one underlying cause is an unforgiving economy which has intensified family disputes, inflamed some men's abusive tendencies, and left some women more reluctant to leave violent relationships.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/02/03/rising\\_economic\\_stress\\_cited\\_in\\_domestic\\_violence\\_increase/?s\\_campaign=8315](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/02/03/rising_economic_stress_cited_in_domestic_violence_increase/?s_campaign=8315).

### **Police Exodus Stirring Concern**

***The Boston Globe*, February 7, 2010**

Boston police and other departments across the state are grappling with a sharp increase in the number of officers resigning or retiring as the state slashes a generous bonus program that had boosted police paychecks for years, reports *The Boston Globe*. When the benefit cuts took effect in Boston, 21 city officers, detectives, and supervisors left or retired. That number is a dramatic increase over previous years. Police in other communities are reporting a similar pattern, which they are attributing not only to a drop in the take-home pay for officers and police chiefs who have degrees related to law enforcement, but also to concerns about how proposed changes to the state's pension system might affect the retirement income of police officers.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/02/07/police\\_exodus\\_stirring\\_concern/?s\\_campaign=8315](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/02/07/police_exodus_stirring_concern/?s_campaign=8315).

### **Old Gun Statute is DA's Secret Weapon**

***The Boston Herald*, February 7, 2010**

According to *The Boston Herald*, The Suffolk District Attorney's Office is deploying a long-dormant state statute to lock up "career criminals" in a strategy that saves the state money and is a secret weapon behind falling crime rates. The 1998 statute allows certain suspects - even those nabbed for relatively minor gun offenses - to be prosecuted under the armed career criminal charge, which carries a hefty prison sentence. Boston crime reached record lows last year thanks in part to the campaign, authorities say. Cops say these sentences make neighborhoods safer places to live and make police work easier.

Access full text at: [http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/20100207old\\_gun\\_statute\\_is\\_das\\_secret\\_weapon/srvc=home&position=0](http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/20100207old_gun_statute_is_das_secret_weapon/srvc=home&position=0).

### **Mass. Sex Assault Law Gets Legal Boost**

***The Worcester Telegram and Gazette*, February 9, 2010 (Follow-up to Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> article)**

Gov. Deval Patrick is expected to sign into law a bill that strengthens the protections for sexual assault victims. Jane Doe Inc., an organization focused on ending domestic violence and sexual assault, says the law creates an enforceable civil restraining order for victims of sexual assault and stalking and closes a gap in protection. Jane Doe Inc. says 38 other states already have similar laws that help save lives.

Access full text at: <http://www.telegram.com/article/20100209/APN/302099819>.

## **Announcement**

### **Perceptions of Racial and Ethnic Overrepresentation in the Juvenile Justice System Study**

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC) has prepared a short survey for people who work at least partly in the juvenile justice system. The goal of this survey is to gather information that will provide Massachusetts with a better understanding of the racial and ethnic disparities in the Massachusetts juvenile justice system. The results will be used by the JJAC to advise the Governor and Legislature on juvenile justice issues, garner insight into how best to spend federal discretionary funds in Massachusetts, and ensure Massachusetts' compliance with the mandates of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Please note that the surveys are confidential and that no identifying information will be shared.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Polk, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, at 617-725-3364 or [andrew.polk@state.ma.us](mailto:andrew.polk@state.ma.us).

To access the survey:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=rpku\\_2fpNGYzWlvy4ceeqRkA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=rpku_2fpNGYzWlvy4ceeqRkA_3d_3d).



### **Patrick-Murray Administration Releases Funds to Fight Violence Against Women**

The Patrick-Murray Administration has made \$708,400 in federal funds available to the District Attorneys to target violent crimes against women, including domestic and dating violence, and sexual assault and stalking. The funds, from the Violence Against Women Act and other sources, were awarded through EOPSS to the state's 11 District Attorney's offices.

For more information: [http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=gov3generic1landing&L=1&L0=Home&f=Home\\_more&sid=Agov3#top](http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=gov3generic1landing&L=1&L0=Home&f=Home_more&sid=Agov3#top).

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